

## A Message from Mrs. Harris

It has certainly been a busy 2 weeks; it has been wonderful to hear so much positivity coming out of parents evening. Like you, we are so proud of the pupils at Violet Way.

Also thank you for the great turn out for Harvest Assemblies, it was lovely to see how animated the pupils are, we certainly have some budding entertainers. Food will be delivered Monday

Our book fair this week was well-attended. Great to see children excited about the different books they bought, and I am sure they will enjoy sharing these at home. The book fair also raised money for school.

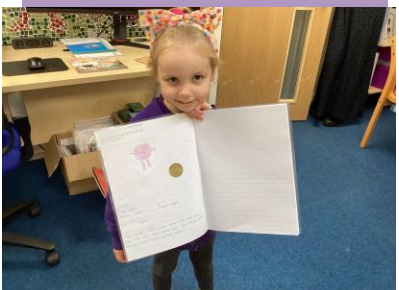
Although it doesn't seem quite right talking about Christmas in October, to help parents plan for the Christmas performances, we have provided dates and times in the newsletter this week. We have planned some reading workshops for October, with a focus on Little Wandle The dates for these have been added to the 'dates for your diary' section of the newsletter.

Mental Health workshop was a great success last week, thank you to all those parents who came. We have more to come.




There may be slight disruption next week due to planned Road works, so if you can walk, or leave plenty of time to avoid being late.

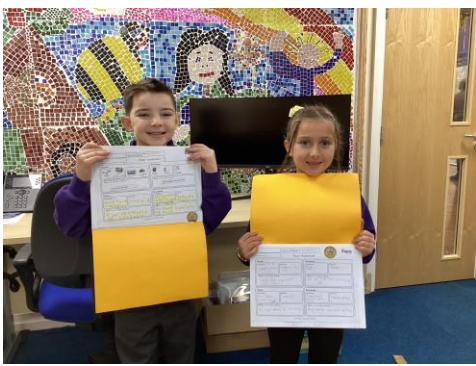
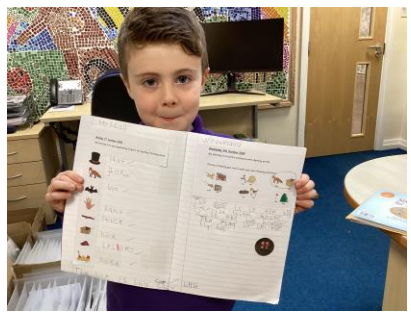
Remember we break up next Thursday as Friday is an inset day. Have a great weekend,

*Mrs. Harris*





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## Attendance

Whole school (this week)	<b>94.3%</b>
Reception	<b>94.9%</b>
Year 1	<b>94.0%</b>
Year 2	<b>96.1%</b>



## Home Achievements



Congratulations to  
**Owls (97.5%)**  
for being the class  
with the highest attendance this week!  
Well done for your *fantastic attendance* this week.  
**Make sure your child attends school every day so that they get the most from their education.**



## Lunchtime awards

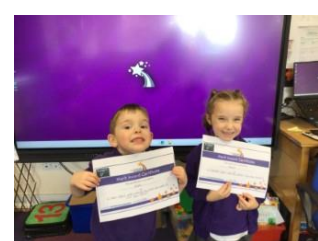




## Merit Award Winners

Merit certificates are awarded to children who exemplify our school values, follow our school rules and demonstrate our star learner qualities. Check out our award winners this week!

### Reception



### Year 1



### Year 2



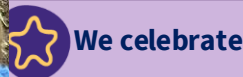


## Sports festival at St Wystans.

Some of our pupils went to represent Violet Way at the festival, they had a wonderful time and showed all our star values.

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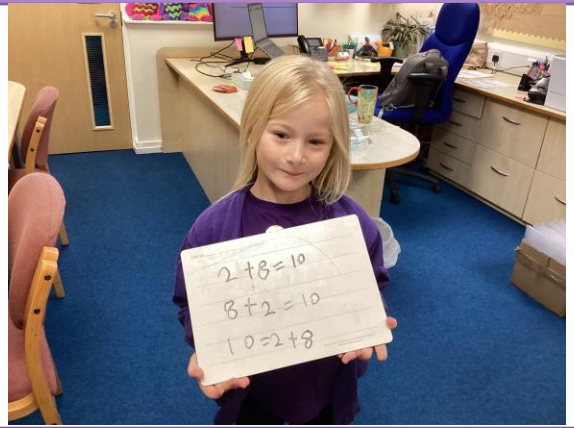






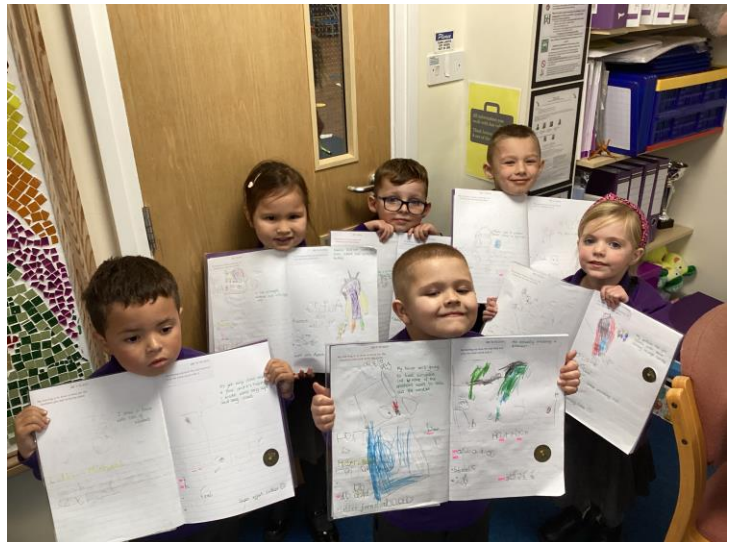
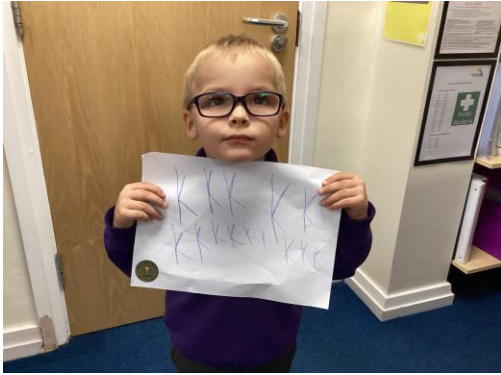
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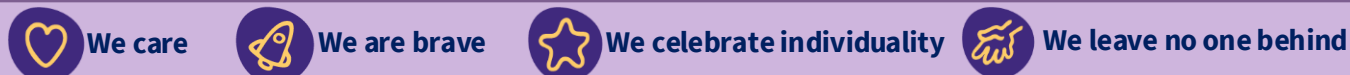
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## Get ready for Christmas!

We know that it still feels very early to be talking about Christmas! However, we are aware that parents will want to start getting prepared for the Christmas events coming up in school. Please see below for the dates and times of our Christmas performances.



### **Reception Christmas Nativity – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

9:15am -Foxes

10:15am - Badgers

1:45pm - Squirrels

Come and celebrate the birth  
of a special baby!

### **Year 1 Christmas Singalong – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

9:15am – Ladybirds

10:15am – Dragonflies

2:15pm – Busy Bees

Parents are encouraged to join in with  
our Year 1 Christmas singalong!

### **Year 2 Christmas Carol Concert at St Peter's Church– Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

All of Year 2 – 2pm start time

We will be asking for parents to accompany us  
during the walk to the church from 1:30pm and  
back to school after the performance.

Further details will be shared next half term.





## Walk to School Month

We are encouraging pupils and parents to take part in Walk to School Month this October.

Walking is a healthy, active and non-polluting way of getting to school. For those that live too far away to walk the whole distance away and try parking 5-10 minutes from the school and walking the rest of the way. Walking also promotes a less congested environment around the school gate making it safer for everyone.

Lots of children have been enjoying scooting to school. You can leave scooters just inside the green gates.



## Parent Reading Workshops

We're teaching every child to read with



A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education

As you are aware, we have introduced the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds phonics programme this year. We can't wait to tell you more about it! Therefore, we will be holding two separate meetings for Reception and Key Stage 1 parents which will give you more information and tell you lots of ways in which you can help your child at home.

**Monday 21st October** – 9am for **Reception** parents only

**Tuesday 22nd October** – 9am – for **Year 1 and 2** parents only

We hope to see you there, so you know more about this essential part of your child's learning.





## OCTOBER IS WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH



### Reasons to take the right route and try walking during Walk to School Month



Walking to school instead of driving saves a family on average £400 a year



A 15 minute walk, cycle or scoot to and from school will provide your child with half of their recommended daily exercise



Most parents find too many cars around schools gates the most annoying part of the school run



Air pollution can be twice as high inside your car than outside of it



Research has shown that children who walk to school are more alert in the classroom



Over a third of parents say that their walk to school is where they find out most about their children



Idling Cars will increase air pollution by 30% during the school run



**So why not try walking to school one day a week?**

Pledge to walk to school at least one day a week in October at <http://Iwillwalktoschool.doingourbit.info>





## Reception September 2025

Do you know anyone that is starting school in September? If so, please have them call the office or email as we are doing tours.

6th November - 4pm

13th November – 10am & 4pm

25th November - 4pm



## Car Parking

Please be aware that the carpark at school is for **staff only**. This includes before and after school hours. This is for health and safety reasons, including safeguarding so we are aware of who is on site.

We thank you for your cooperation in advance.

## Thank you!

We wanted to pass on a huge thank you to everyone who supported the school by purchasing books, and other items, from the book fair. The final totals are being calculated, but we will certainly have some extra funds to buy some new books in school.

## Parent Workshops

We had a meeting with the Mental Health team, and they are going to run some parent workshops you may be interested in, all held at Violet Way:

29.11.24 Sleep hygiene 9.15-10.15am

7.2.24 Low mood 9.15-10.15am

Contact the office for more information.  
[office@violetway.org](mailto:office@violetway.org)





# Dates For Your Diary

## Staffordshire Term Dates 2024-25

Autumn Term 2024

**Inset day:** Monday 2 September

**Term Starts:** Tuesday 3 September

**Holiday:** Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

**Term Ends:** Friday 20 December

**Holiday:** Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January

Spring Term 2024

**Term Starts:** Monday 6 January

**Holiday:** Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

**Term Ends:** Friday 11 April

**Holiday:** Monday 14 April – Friday 25 April

**Easter Sunday:** Sunday 20 April

Summer Term 2025

**Term Starts:** Monday 28 April

**May Day:** Monday 5 May

**Holiday:** Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

**Term Ends:** Monday 21 July

**Holiday:** Tuesday 22 July – Friday 29 August

Please also make a note of our planned INSET days for next academic year at Violet Way:

### Violet Way Inset Days

2nd September 2024

25th October 2024

6th January 2025

20th June 2025

21st July 2025

## What's Coming Up?

**Toddler Morning** – Every Tuesday morning 9:00am-10:30am, £2 per family

**Reception Phonics Meeting** – Monday 21st October – 9am

**KS1 Reading Meeting** – Tuesday 22nd October - 9am

**INSET Day – Friday 25th October**

**YEAR 1 Disco**- 23rd October (time to be confirmed)

**Odd Socks Day** – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Children wear odd socks to school to celebrate individuality and uniqueness. Let's be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality.

Our famous cake shops are back:

Feb 7th, May 16th: @230

**Reception Nativity**- 12th December-Foxes 915, Badgers 1015, Squirrels 145

**Christmas Fair** - 13th December - after school

**Year 1 Christmas singalong** - 19th Dec- time to be confirmed 9:15am – Ladybirds

10:15am – Dragonflies

2:15pm – Busy Bees

**Parent Lunches**-Year 2- Tues Nov 19th Owls, Wed Nov 20th Kestrels, Thurs November 21st Woodpeckers

Tuesday 17th December 2pm-**Year 2 Carol concert**- St Peters





# Library and Forest School Dates

## Parent Library Mornings – Autumn Term

Parents are invited to join their child, every three weeks for a parent library session. Gates will open 5 minutes earlier for the class whose library session it is. Reception sessions are on Tuesdays. Year 2 sessions are on Wednesdays and Year 1 sessions are on Thursdays. Parent library morning sessions start the week after next. Please see dates below for your child's parent library session.

### AUTUMN TERM 2024

#### Reception Tuesday Sessions

Foxes	-	-	5/11	26/11
Squirrels	-	-	12/11	3/12
Badgers	-	-	19/11	10/12

#### Year 2 Wednesday Sessions

Kestrels	25/9	16/10	13/11	4/12
Owls	2/10	23/10	20/11	11/12
Woodpeckers	9/10	6/11	27/11	18/12

#### Year 1 Thursday Sessions

Dragonflies	26/9	10/10	7/11	28/11
Ladybirds	3/10	17/10	14/11	5/12
Busy Bees	4/10 (note this is Friday)	24/10	21/11	12/12

## Forest School Sessions – Will be fun for a FULL week (bar Wednesdays)

Owls	Kestrels	Woodpeckers	Dragonflies	Busy Bees	Ladybirds	Foxes	Squirrels	Badgers
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9/9	16/9	23/9	30/9	7/10	14/10	21/10	4/11	11/11
18/11	25/11	2/12	9/12	6/1	13/1	20/1	27/1	3/2
10/2	24/2	3/3	10/3	17/3	24/3	31/3	7/4	28/4
5/5	12/5	19/5	2/6	9/6	16/6	23/6	30/6	7/7

